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DA 10-1004

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Dear Ms. Robinson:

This letter grants the request, dated May 24, 2010, submitted by Tim D. Hanna on behalf of the Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency (the County) for a waiver to permit certain Amateur Radio Service licensees to transmit communications on behalf of their employers during an upcoming government emergency drill.

The request states that the County will be participating in a disaster preparedness exercise on June 16, 2010. As part of the exercise, hospitals will communicate with the County to test their emergency communications systems. Most of the amateur communications will be conducted by volunteers, but some of the amateur radio operators may be employees of the entity on whose behalf the operator will be transmitting.

Section 97.113(a)(3) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 97.113(a)(3), prohibits amateur licensees from transmitting communications in which they have a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. The County therefore requests a waiver of this rule to permit the following Amateur licensees to transmit communications on behalf of their employers in connection with the exercise: for Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency, Marjorie Robinson, W6ANI, Suzy Miller, KI6IST, Marcella Chandler, KI6MJC, and Guadalupe Chavez, KI6RJH; for Mendocino County (other departments), Cynthia Snider, KI6ISY, Nick Wharff, KI6RIT, and Paul Snider, KC6UNN; for Ukiah Valley Medical Center, John Johnston, KH6HO, Christopher Aplet, KI6RIS, Doug Taylor, KI6RIW, and Ronald Atteberry, KN6U; for Frank Howard Memorial Hospital, Larry Cubberly, KI6LUU; for Mendocino Coast District Hospital, Jeff Diehl, KI6PFI; for Mendocino Community Health Clinic, Belinda Smith, KI6KZY, Carolyn Ruddock, KI6RIX, Leticia Amador, KI6LAD, and Jenn Creekmore-Juenke, KI6RJG; and for Anderson Valley Health Clinic, Judy Nelson, KJ6HZX.

Section 1.3 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, provides that the Commission may waive its rules if good cause for waiver is shown. We conclude that grant of the waiver request is appropriate under the circumstances presented. The public interest in facilitating the June 16 public safety exercise by permitting the specified Amateur licensees to participate warrants this limited waiver of Section 97.113(a)(3). This waiver grant permits transmission of communications by the above-listed Amateur licensees on behalf of their employer during the June 16, 2010 exercise, and immediately beforehand for the purpose of operational testing of equipment.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the waiver request of the Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency, dated May 24, 2010, IS GRANTED.

This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331.

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